

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6 and ending at line 13 with the following:

Referring to **Figure 2**, a circuit diagram for a call screen device 104 in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention is illustrated. Call screening device **104** may be implemented as a discrete device connecting to other communications devices as previously described, also providing a CALLER ID display. Call screening device **104** may alternatively be integrated into the base station of a cordless telephone, into an answering machine, into a combination cordless telephone and answering machine, into a fax machine, etc. A discrete device is preferred to permit the user flexibility in selecting which communications devices to control utilizing call screening device **104**.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15 beginning at line 6 and ending at line 30 with the following:

The enhancement permitting capture and re-transmission of the essential data blocks is shown in **Figure 6**. With specific reference to **Figure 1**, it will be understood that the enhancement described herein is part of the screening device ~~112~~104. However, as specifically shown in **Figure 6**, the high level flow diagram is modified to permit capture and retransmission of the caller ID information so that it can be sent to a caller ID handset **115** (**Figure 1**) or other caller ID equipped device after the first ring received by the handset (typically the second ring burst of the received transmission). With specific reference to **Figure 6**, it will be noted that the incoming call is detected at **402** and the caller ID information is determined at **404**, as in the flow diagram of **Figure 4**. However, in this embodiment, the critical caller ID data (see **Figure 5**) is captured as indicated at **450**, and held until an initial ring burst is transmitted to the handset and/or selected device(s), as indicated at **408** if ringing to all ports or to a designated port as indicated at **414** and **418**. After transmission of the initial ring to the ports, the captured caller ID data is retransmitted, as indicated at **452**. This permits the handset and other caller ID equipped devices to receive the caller ID information immediately after the first ring burst such device receives after the screening system screens and directs the incoming transmission. This allows caller ID information which is sent only after the first ring burst to be forwarded to the respective devices even though it is not repeated after the first ring burst and is not transmitted due to the

screening process. Specifically, the caller ID information is captured at the end of the first ring burst and then retransmitted after the subsequent ring burst which is the initial ring burst to be transmitted to the respective devices. This allows caller ID equipped devices to take advantage of the screening properties of the invention without losing caller ID capability. When the call screening system is not active as indicated at 406, the captured caller ID is transmitted after the first ring as indicated at 454 since the first ring passes through as indicated at 408.